447|448|34 IPC Police Station Ambedkar Nagar, which was registered at the instance of Shri M. Ahmed, Chief Security Officer, Hamdard Nagar Institution. Some of the persons complained against were arrested by the police, who were later on released on bail by the court.

Ban on Communal parties

1128. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government contemplate to ban the communal parties or propose to take steps to combat the influence of communal forces; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present before the Government to ban communal organisations in the country. So far no definition in regard to communal organisations has been evolved. Government is committed to combat the influence of communal forces. However, in the context of separating religion from politics, Parliament has already passed the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988. The Government is considering other possible measures. It would not be feasible at this stage to indicate any details thereof or the time-frame by which a final decision can be taken to introduce a Bill in Parliament.

CBI Investigation into Payment of Commission by TTCI

1129. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation has started an investigation into the allegation that commission to the tune of Rs. 20 crores has been paid by the Tea Trading Corporation of India (TTCI) over a period of last two and half years, in violation of Government's policies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) CBI has not informed the Government of starting any such investigation.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect of Amendment of Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957

1130. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with the recent amendment of Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, notices issued by the D.M.C. for revision of the rateable value of large number of properties in Delhi have become redundant;

(b) if so, whether the D.M.C. has sent the tax demands in respect of properties referred to above for the year 1988-89 on the basis of earlier assessments; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Sir,

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Curbing of Foreign Tours by Government Officers

1131. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued for curbing foreign tours by Government officers to save foreign